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Intelligence Chief Says Russia Not Ready for War

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Robert Amory Jr. probably is the second best or third best informed American on what the Russian Communists are doing, thinking and planning.

Amory is deputy chief for intelligence of the Central Intelligence Agency. CIA is the United States spy apparatus or, in more polite language, it is a counter-intelligence organization.

This well-informed American was making a speech the other day in Columbia, S.C. Amory's speech did not get the publicity it deserved despite the fact that what he had to say was pretty good news for U.S. citizens.

His story was that the Soviet Union is neither ready nor preparing for a war; that the Kremlin does not want a war although Communist Russia would fight if it must. Amory said the Russian leaders decided 18 months ago that their Communist economy had to have 15 years of peace to achieve their internal development plans.

"Their economy is by no means mobilized for war or preparing for war," Amory said. "They strike a balance between military and other expenditures just as we do."

He believes the Soviet Union is not ready to risk a nuclear war over Berlin. Nikita Khrushchev, instead, thinks he can force the West to "chicken out."

"If the West is resolute," Amory said, "then I believe that the Soviet Union will be the ones to back down."

During the 15 years of peace which Amory is convinced the Soviet Union must have and urgently wants, the CIA expects the Kremlin to follow this general pattern:

Play its Sputnik diplomacy to the limit.

Stand pat against all pressure in the areas now dominated by communism.

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that "satellite powers sit beside of the next 30 years largely will Soviet conferees in numbers equal share the long hard pattern of the to the number of times saving be future war or peace or whatever. side the Americans

Maintain at high pitch work of in the world against militant Communists with fervent faith," he trouble-making among the peoples said. "We must never tempt them of non-Communist nations. into a major military path while

But softening this Fifth Column activity with some show of letting down our strength (although they haven't got what it willingness to cooperate with governments ever which the Kremlin takes rationally to challenge us exercises no control. this spring."

Continue an effective foreign policy of "no strings" foreign aid Amory said the Russian leaders had no doubts on the future. In a toward nations which neither are comparatively short time they are Communist allies nor expected to confident that the Soviet Union will be tops—worldwide. become allies.

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